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[Spector?] Belief's & Custom's - Folk Stuff 19

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— Aie, aie! Not good to be sick. What he know? He's compare dis hospital to Bellevue. Is a difference from day to night. What dey do to him dere; you know? Dey lock up de toilets. Dey take away de cigarette. An de ear dere! ... He tinks he's going home. A bluff! Can see in his face. Dis man very sick. Yeah, can smoke here - tsa notting. Dis got notting to do ...

— What's nice about it? It's a prison. Sure, de view! I like de view from my winder on Stanton Street better. Dere's life dere! Here I don't wanna see nothin, I don't wanna hear nothin, I wanna get outta here! Dem boids in de morning - dey get me sick! Whaddeya call em, catboids? Dey sound like a cat. You dassent trow nothin at em, dey'll put ya in jail, dey'll shoot ya. Ya can't walk on de grass. Ya can't see no women. Dey put somethin in yer food - dey moider ya! ... Gimme a cigarette. PORTER

Healthy? I just come out of a sickness, and this guy calls me healthy. See them hands? I'm still blowed up. I had it all over. I had it here, here [/...?] I even had it in my pecker. From what? The food. I got some kinda poisoning. Compensation? They give ya compansation, ya know where? Up yer bung-hole. I'll be lucky if I make up the three days. They think they're doin me a favor, they let me go back to work today..Compensation! Know any more jokes? 2 COFFEEPOT MEDICO

— Dem tings gotta be drove off troo de bloodstream.

— What has he got, a dose?

— Gonnycoccus.

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— Whaddeya trinna say? Ya tryinna say de name o' de germ? So say it.

— Gonnycoccus. Don't tell me. I seen it on a piece o' paper.

— Whaddeya talkin about? It's gonnococcus. Kin ya spell it? Betcha ten bucks ya can't spell it.

— I don't say I kin git it right, but I kin take a guess.

— Ten bucks ya can't even spell de name of it.

— Whose dough ya bettin?

— De ole man's.

— Oh, dat's different.

— Well, I gotta go ... so long, boyees.

— So long Fat, be seein ya.

— I tell ya, dem tings gotta be drivv off troo de bloodstream . . .